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THE SENIOR CLASS
of the
BENSON HIGH SCHOOL
Benson North Carolina

FOREWORD

We, the members of the Senior Class, are happy to present to you this volume of "The Tatler." We hope as you look through these pages you will live again the familiar scenes of happy high school days, and as this your treasured keepsake becomes faded and worn with the years, your love and devotion for dear old Benson High School will recall for you the warmest memories of the happiest days of this year 1948-1949.

JOAN BENTON
Editor

DONALD CAPPS
Business Manager

In Memoriam

MR. J. W. WHITTENTON
(1868-1948)

"A Loyal Friend of the school for fifty years."

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

To the Class of 1949:

Your high school, its faculty and student body are happy to extend greetings to you the seniors of 1949. Your stay with us, we trust, has been helpful to you and to the school. It is our earnest hope that you will carry with you from this school, high ideals of service to God and your fellowman.

You have the distinction of being the largest class to graduate from this school in the history of the school. The reason why this fact is true, I think, is due largely to the fact that your class has had a certain amount of perseverance. I hope you will carry this with you into life.

I have no special advice to give you seniors other than to follow the Golden Rule in life.

Our best wishes follow you wherever your paths may lead.

Wm. J. Barefoot, Principal

DEDICATION

To our Fathers and Mothers, whose love, encouragement, ambition, sympathy, and financial aid, have made possible our high school education, we affectionately dedicate this volume of "The Tatler."

MR. AND MRS. JOHN ALLEN
MR. AND MRS. C. L. BARBOUR
MR. AND MRS. L. W. BAILEY
MR. AND MRS. HARVEY BAREFOOT
MR. AND MRS. J. B. BENTON
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MRS. BETTY BYRD
MRS. SALLIE COATS
REV. AND MRS. J. D. CAPPS
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MR. AND MRS. J. H. HOLMES
MR. AND MRS. AARON JOHNSON
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MR. AND MRS. HENRY JOHNSON
MR. AND MRS. OFFIE KEEN
MR. AND MRS. M. A. LEE
MRS. LILLIAN MASSENGILL
MISS ALTA McLAMB
MR. AND MRS. GARLAND McLAMB
MRS. VARA McLAMB
MR. AND MRS. RALPH MEDLIN
MR. AND MRS. EMERY MILLER
REV. AND MRS. T. H. NORDAN
MR. AND MRS. P. E. PAGE
MR. AND MRS. W. Z. PARRISH
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MR. AND MRS. W. H. WATKINS
MR. AND MRS. PERCY WILKINS

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OUR ADVISERS

MR. BAREFOOT
Principal

MISS CATHERINE PEARSON
Seniors

MRS. Z. F. PERKINSON
Juniors

MRS. OWEN WILLIS
Juniors

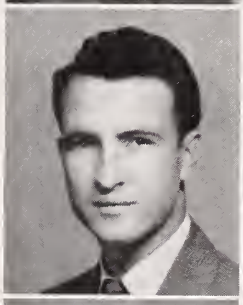
MISS MATTIE GAINEY
Sophomores

MISS JANE HOBBS
Sophomores

MRS. SHAW FISH
Freshman Girls

MR. NANCE
Freshman Boys

MRS. WIGGINS
8th Grade



MRS. MASSEY
8th Grade

MISS ETHEL GAITLEY
Music

AROUND THE SCHOOL

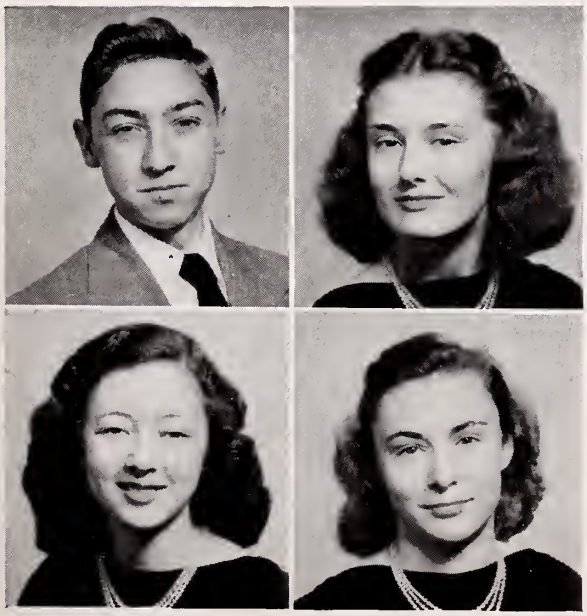
THE CLASS OF 1949

COLORS
Green and White

FLOWER
Sweet Pea

MOTTO
"We ring the bells of tomorrow with the ropes of today."

CLASS OFFICERS



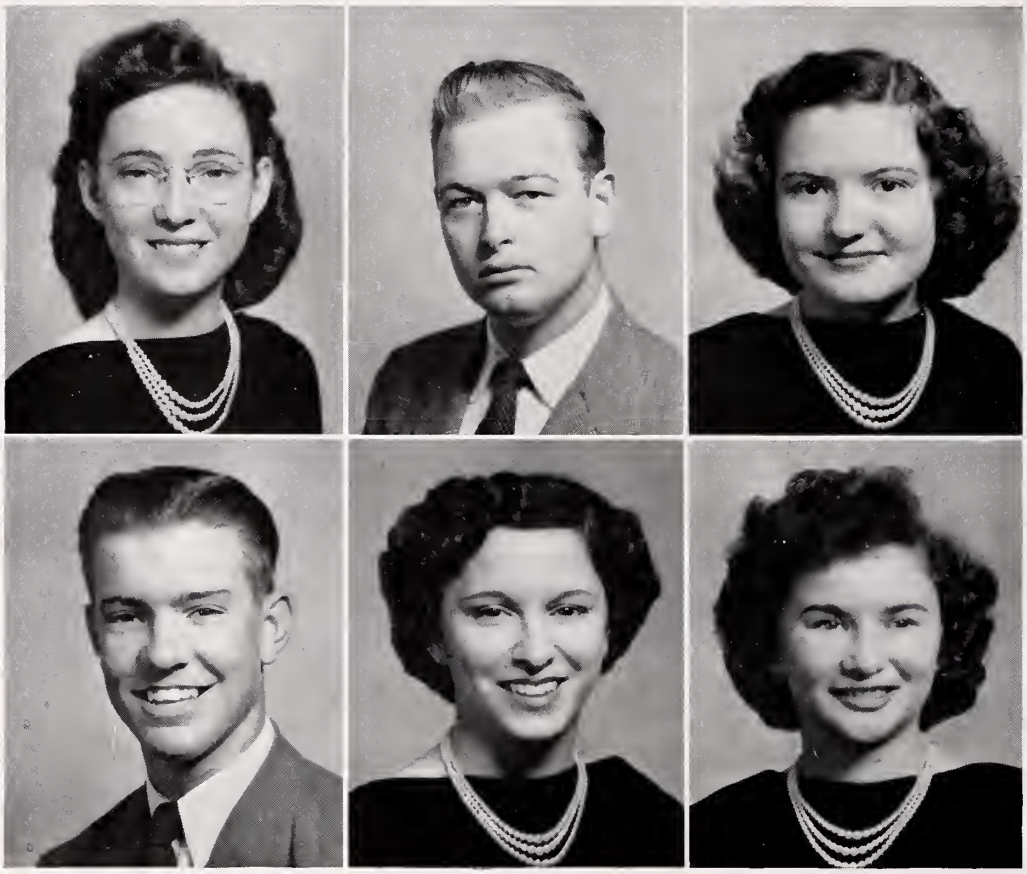
JERRY WALL
President

JERRE DENNING
Vice-President

JANE ROYAL
Secretary

HAZEL ENNIS
Treasurer

SENIORS



First row, left to right:

MOZELLE ALLEN
"Freckles"

"Student" Staff 2; Plays 2; Glee Club 4.

DONALD BAILEY
"Whitie"

Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Play 1; Veteran.

HERMIE JEAN BARBOUR
"Jean"

Beta Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Play 2; "Student" Staff 3; Last Will 4; Glee Club 4.

Second row:

JOHNNIE BAREFOOT
"Brainy"

4-H Club 1, 2; Play 2; Sub. Bus Driver 3, 4.

JOAN BENTON
"Jody"

Plays 1, 2, 3; 4-H Club 1; Tri-Hi-Y (Vice-Pres.) 3, 4; "Student" Staff (Ed.) 2, 3; Annual (Editor-in-Chief) 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Marshal 3; Cheerleader 3; Basketball 2; Glee Club 4.

GENEVIEVE BYRD
"Gert"

4-H Club 1, 2; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; "Student" Staff 2; Play 4; Intramural Ball 4.

First row, left to right:

JO ANNE CAPPS
"Joe"

4-H Club 1; Play 2.

DONALD CAPPS
"Reverend"

Plays 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Football 2; "Student" Staff 3; Annual 4; Intramural Ball 4; Glee Club 4.

ORAS CLIFTON
"Junior"

Bus Driver 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Play 2.

Second row:

WILMA COATS
"Billie"

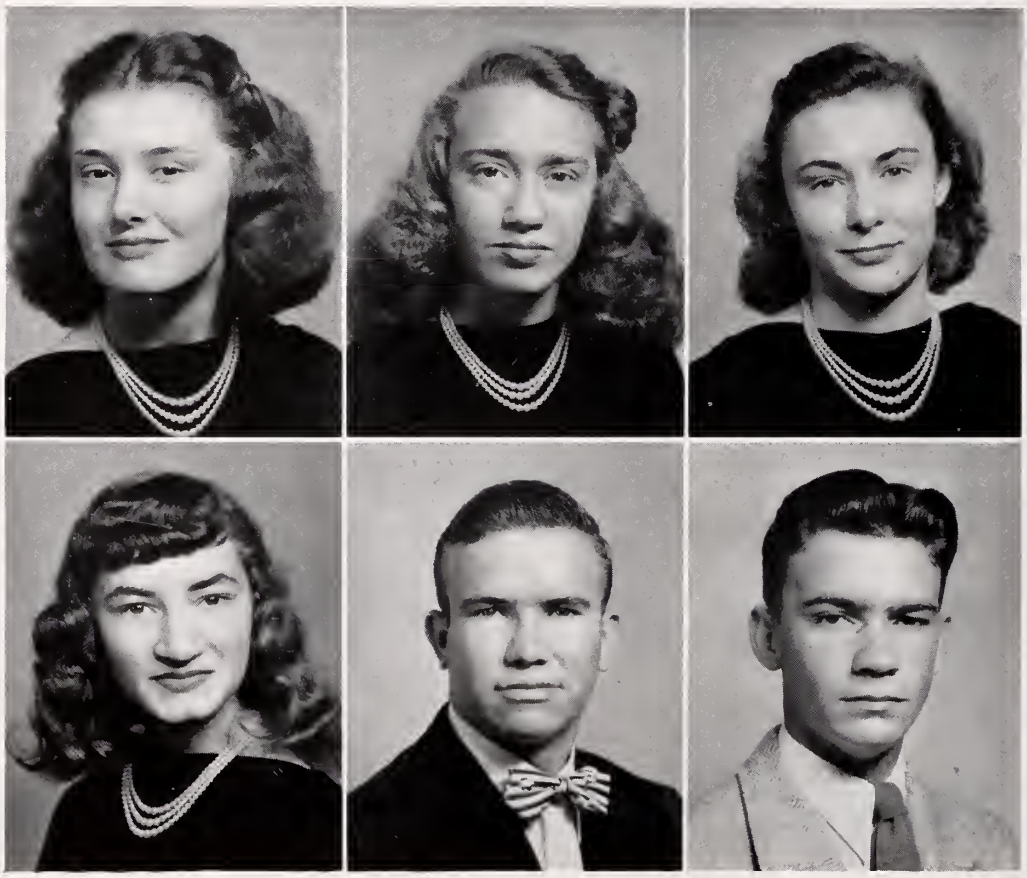
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Plays 2, 3; 4-H Club 1; "Student" Staff 3; Intramural Ball 4.

DORIS MARIE CREECH
"Snob Grass"

4-H Club 1, 2; Historian 4; Play 1, 2; Glee Club 4.

JANE DENNING
"Janie"

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Play 2; Sub. Bus Driver 4; Prophecy 4.



First row, left to right:

JERRE DENNING
"Mac"

Beta Club (Pres.) 3, 4; "Student" Staff 2, 3; Basketball 2; Chief Marshal 3; Plays 1, 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4-H Club 1; Glee Club 4; Intramural Ball 4.

PHYLLIS DUKE
"Phyl"

Basketball 1, 3, 4; "Student" Staff 3; Play 3; Tri-Hi-Y 1, 3, 4; Annual (Co-editor) 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Dramatics Club 1; O'Henry Literary Soc. 1; Intramural Ball 4; Hi-Y Minstrel 1.

HAZEL FAYE ENNIS
"Aunt Het"

Beta Club 3 (Sec.) 4; Class Officer 2, 4; Marshal 3.

Second row:

DORIS FLOWERS
"Peanut"

4-H Club 1; Play 2.

JIMMIE GIBBS
"Hard Head"

4-H Club 1; Intramural Ball 4; "Student" Staff (Ed.) 3; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Annual (Co-Editor) 4; Plays 1, 2, 3; Class Officer (Vice-Pres.) 3; Baseball 4.

SHELTON WADE GODWIN
"Crook"

4-H Club 1; Basketball 1; "Student" Staff 3; Georgia Military Academy 2.

First row, left to right:

EARL HALL
"Buster"

4-H Club 1, 2; Play 2.

JUDIE HOLMES
"Cathy"

Play 3; Class Officer (Sec.) 3; Marshal 3; Glee Club 4.

BETTY JO JOHNSON
"Joey"

4-H Club 1.

Second row:

CECIL JOHNSON
"Nubbin"

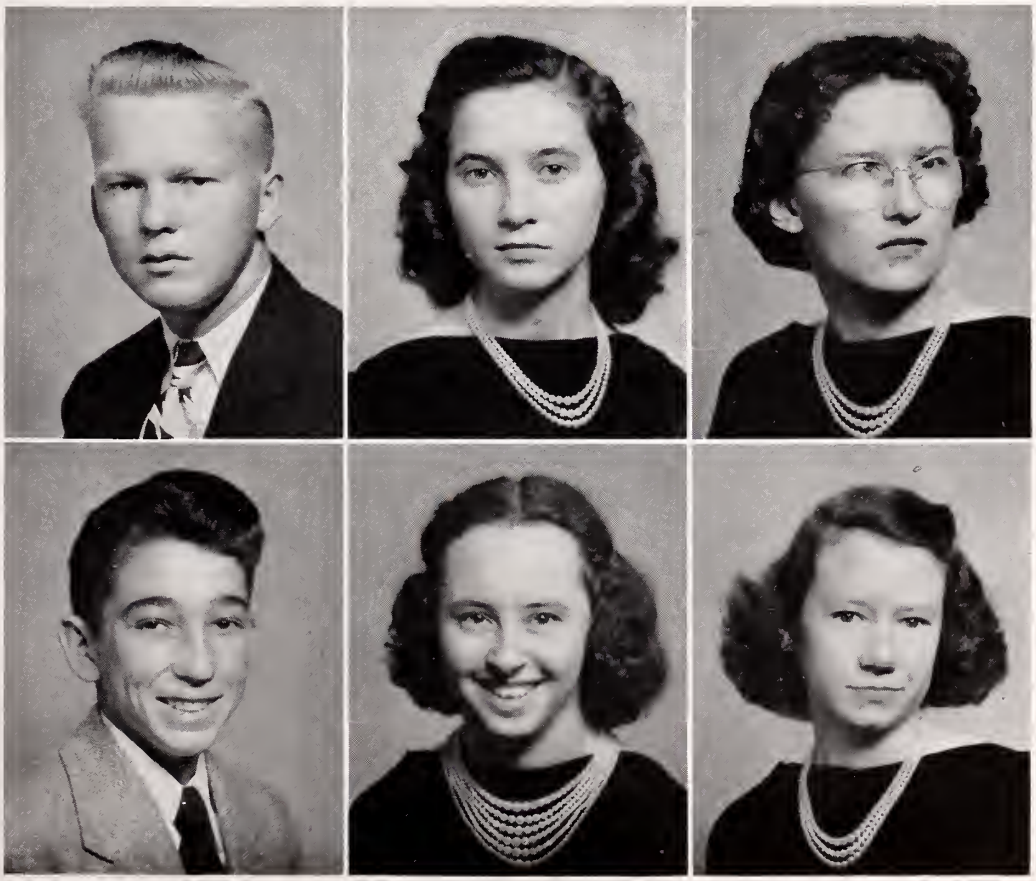
"Student" Staff 2, 3; Play 2.

EDNA SUE JOHNSON
"Sue"

Play 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Glee Club 4.

ESTHER KEEN
"Trixie"

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; Play 2.



First row, left to right:

WORTH LEE
"Curly"

Play 2; "Student" Staff 3.

PEGGY MASSENGILL
"Peg"

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; "Student" Staff 3; Annual 4; Play 2; Glee Club 4.

DORIS JEAN McLAMB
"Doc"

Play 1, 2; Beta Club 3, 4.

Second row:

JEAN McLAMB
"Jem"

Beta Club 3, 4; "Student" Staff 3; Annual 4; Tri-Hi-Y (Sec.) 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Play 1; Glee Club 4.

ISLA RUTH McLAMB
"Red"

"Student" Staff 3; Basketball 3; 4-H Club 1; Play 1, 2; Intramural Ball 4.

DAN MEDLIN
"Little Shot"

Baseball 1, 2, 3; Play 2; "Student" Staff 3; 4-H Club 1.

First row, left to right:

DAISY BELLE MILLER
"Runt"

Play 1, 2; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; "Student" Staff 3.

LINDELL NORDAN
"Dick"

Bus Driver 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Play 2; Athletics 1, 2.

DOROTHY JEAN PARRISH
"Dot"

Plays 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 3 (Vice-Pres.) 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y (Pres.) 3, 4; Last Will 4; Marshal 3; Glee Club 4.

Second row:

GERALDINE PAGE
"Gerald"

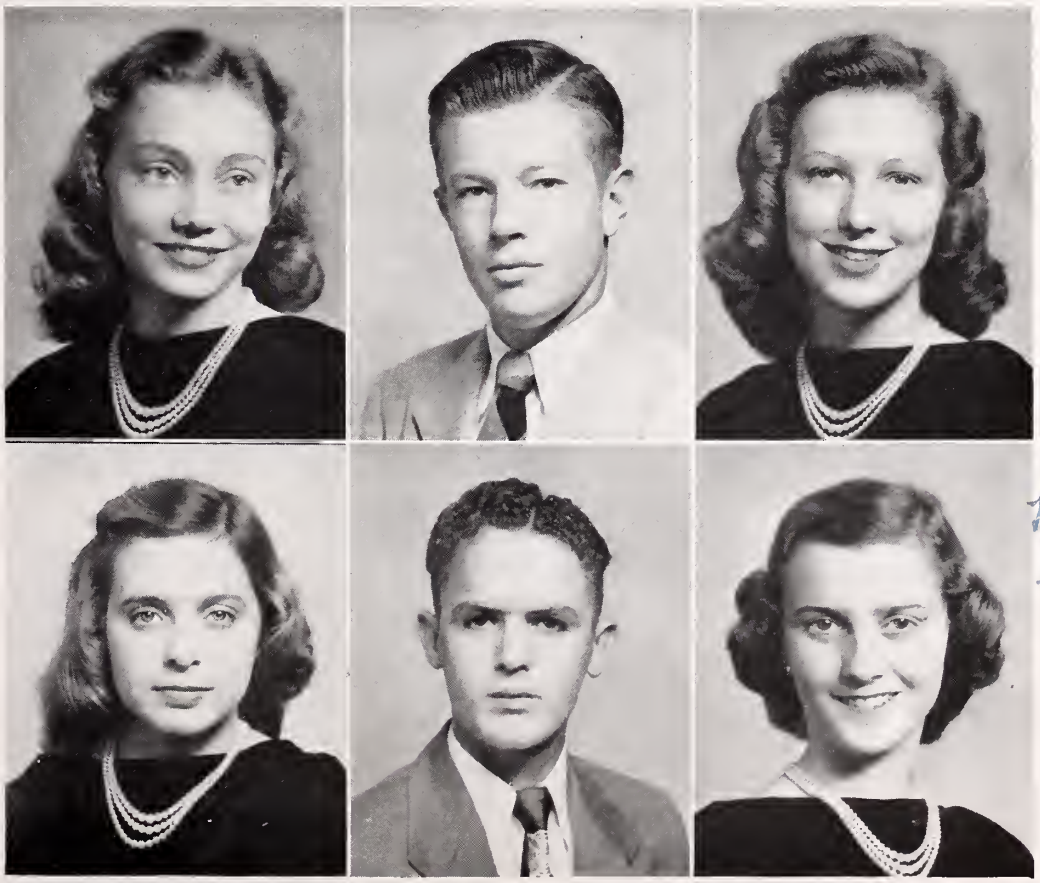
Play 2; Beta Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Prophecy 4.

BILLY PLEASANT
"Bill"

4-H Club 1, 2, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Play 2.

NELLIE ROSE PLEASANT
"Nell"

Beta Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Plays 1, 2, 3; Bus Driver 3, 4; Prophecy 4.



Best wishes always
"Nell"

First row, left to right:

ELEANOR PORTER
"Groff"

Beta Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; "Student" Staff 3; Play 1, 2; Glee Club 4; Prophecy 4.

CONNOR RAYNOR
"Snap-Happy"

Baseball 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Annual 4; Intramural Ball 4; Veteran.

HAZEL RAYNOR
"Lulu"

Plays 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2.

Second row:

JANE ROYAL
"Lynn"

Beta Club 3, 4 (Treas.); Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Officer 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; "Student" Staff 2, 3; Class poems 2, 3, 4; Play 2; Glee Club 4

NOWELL SMITH, JR.
"Smitty"

4-H Club 1; Basketball 1; Georgia Military Academy 2; "Student" Staff (Ed.) 3; Play 3; Annual 4; Intramural Ball 4.

KATIE STANCIL
"Rusty"

Plays 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; "Student" Staff 3; Intramural Ball 4.

First row, left to right:

ISWAINE STEPHENSON
"Gog-Eye"

Plays 1, 2, 3; "Student" Staif 2, 3; Class Officer (Pres.) 3; Beta Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Annual 4; Class Song 4; Glee Club 4; Intramural Ball 4.

ALVIE PEARL STEWART
"Pidgeon"

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Basketball 3, 4; Play 2; Glee Club 4; Intramural Ball 4.

LARRY STEWART
"Puss"

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Play 2; "Student" Staff 2, 3; Annual 4; Intramural Ball 4.

Second row:

LOUISE STEWART
"Lou"

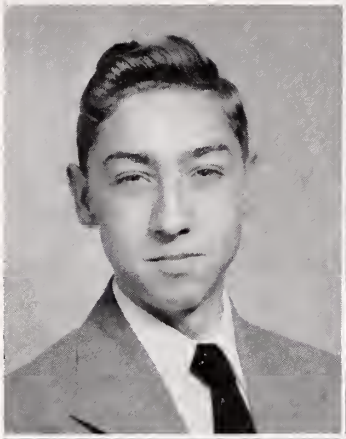
4-H Club 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 3; "Student" Staff 3; Play 2; Prophecy 4; Glee Club 4; Intramural Ball 4;

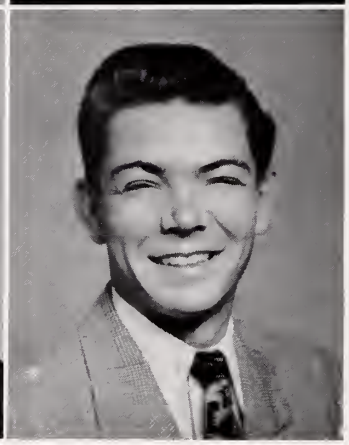
PAULINE STEWART
"Polly Ann"

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Play 2; Glee Club 4; Intramural Ball 4.

FANNIE LOU SURLES
"Louie"

4-H Club 1; Plays 1, 2.





JERRY WALL
"Cosmo"

Class Officer (Pres.) 3, 4; Beta Club 3 (Treas.) 4; "Student" Staff 2, 3; Play 2; Glee Club 4.

MILDRED WARREN
"Snooks"

Beta Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; "Student" Staff (Ed.) 3; Marshal 3; Cheerleader 2, 3; Plays 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, Glee Club 4.

MARJORIE WATKINS
"Trick"

4-H Club 1; Play 2.

GEORGE WILKINS
"Slim"

Baseball 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; "Student" Staff 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Plays 2, 3; Marshal 3; Junior Policeman 3; Glee Club 4; Intramural Ball 4.

CLASS POEM

We the Seniors of '49,
  Who down these halls have tread,
Turn back the pages of olden times,
  To recall things done and said.

We who have shared both work and play
  Shall keep our memories of each past
    day
Within us, to remember in days to come,
  Of laud and friendships each has won.

Jane Royal

GRADE-PARENTS

Grade Mothers: left to right, Mrs. J. B. Benton, Mrs. H. W. Duke, Mrs. Lillian Massengill.

Grade Fathers: left to right, Mr. Ralph Medlin, Mr. Nowell Smith, Sr.

MASCOTS

BRENDA SUE SMITH

STEVE PLEASANT

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1949

In September of 1945, we entered Benson High School with an enrollment of 59. The name Freshman was a symbol to us; for we knew only the daily routine of the school hours. We felt honored because this was the first noticeable change in our school careers of nine years. Although we were as green as the term freshman implies, our teachers were very patient and reasonable with us. We were divided into two sections. Our class selected the following officers: Teacher, Miss Sasser, President Jerry Wall, Vice-President Nowell Smith, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer Betty Jean Moore, Teacher Miss Farlow, President Naomi Lee, Vice-President Kathleen Norris, Secretary and Treasurer Jerre Denning.

Probably the worst part for us was that we had to become used to the likes and dislikes of our many teachers. Evidently we became integrated to the teachers, routine, new subjects and larger assignments for we soon found ourselves Sophomores.

Fifty-two sophomores entered in the fall after a short vacation, to start trying moments of algebra, learning biology and history. While all the time we were wondering if we really were Sophomores. Our class pioneered by starting the first school paper in several years, with Joan Benton as Editor-in-Chief. Leaving Benson High School that year, we were happy with the thought of being Juniors.

There were still fifty-two of us when we reentered in the fall as Juniors. We elected as our class president, Jerry Wall. As Juniors we will not forget our memories of the Junior-Senior Banquet held in our school library and followed by a dance at the Smithfield Country Club.

Another highlight was our Junior Play "Where's Grandma," starring Phyllis Duke who had joined us in the fall. The school paper had been continued by our class with two staffs. Joan Benton, Jimmie Gibbs and Mildred Warren, Nowell Smith, Jr., as editors.

There was not much left for excitement as we soon hailed goodbye to the Seniors at their Commencement with our "rose chain," on their class night. Jerre Denning as chief with four others were marshals at the Senior events. The Juniors were guest singers at the Baccalaureate Sermon. We were now ready to take up our duties as dignified Seniors.

Whether we were saddened by the postponement of school or not, we were hoping to be together soon with our friends and eventually to join all graduates in the great, wide, wonderful world, with no school, no books, no teachers, no assignments, no examinations and no more of the extra curricula activities. Our Senior year promised to be full of activity. In the fall our boys and girls won the intramural basketball championship and the first prize in the annual stunt night sponsored by the Sophomore and Junior Classes. In the spring we finished our annual with Joan Benton as editor; gave a Senior Play and concluded the many activities and duties awarded to us.

We have seen the many trials, temptations and errors of our class, but we have many points to our favor. One of them being the fact that our class is the largest to graduate from Benson High School.

Our Senior Year is finally drawing to a close. The memories of the faculty who struggled with us, whose patience we tried, whose examinations we failed will long be with us. Soon we shall receive our diplomas and our hearts will be filled with joy and happiness.

We sincerely hope that we can prove ourselves worthy of the emblems and privileges and remain true to our Alma Mater as we go forth from dear old Benson High School as representatives of noble manhood and womanhood. It is our desire to make good in life and now the class of 1949 passes across the stage.

DORIS CREECH

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
County of Johnston
Town of Benson

Benson High School

We the class of 1949, having spent four years of our young lives further educating ourselves and better preparing each individual for his place in the future do not wish to depart and leave forever without first endowing a few of our most esteemed and cherished gifts to other members of the student body:

The following we cherish so fondly, so please accept them and keep inact until such time as you may wish to pass them on to others of a deserving nature.

SECTION I

ARTICLE I—To our beloved principal, Mr. Barefoot, we leave our fondest affections and gratitude for the understanding and encouragement we have received from him during our stay at B. H. S.

ARTICLE 2—To the Faculty—We can only promise that we'll always remember them and make good use of the knowledge they taught us no matter where the trial of life leads each of us.

SECTION II

ARTICLE 1—To the class of 1950 we leave our Senior dignity and our seats in the auditorium.

ARTICLE 2—To Benson High School we leave 53 vacant places which we hope will be filled with others who will be as proud of B. H. S. as we are.

SECTION III

ARTICLE 1—We the Class of 1949 being of sane mind and judgment do hereby will:

Mozelle Allen's quiet disposition to Jean Johnson.
Donald Bailey's ability to shoot to E. H. Creech.
Jean Barbour's flirtatious ways and brown eyes to Laveta Barbour.
Johnnie Barefoot's revolutionary views to anyone that wants them. Apply early and avoid the rush.
Joan Benton leaves her dramatic ability to all ambitious underclassmen.
Genevieve Byrd's ability to take her school bus around a corner with one wheel to Max Barbour.
Jo Ann Capps' straight hair to Betty Lou Bell.
Donald Capps' physique to Thomas Lee.
Oras Clifton, Jr.'s "giggling" to Clyde Proctor.
Wilma Coats' Latin ability to Bonny Lynn Morgan.
Doris Creech's serious love affairs to Louise Barbour.
Jane Denning's dimples to Jackie Norris.
Jerre Denning's sweet disposition to Bobby Strickland.
Phyllis Duke's undying love for the morgue to any Junior girl who might fall for an undertaker.
Hazel Ennis' blonde hair to Edna Massad.
Doris Flowers' cute bangs to "pistol-packing" Lois Barefoot.
Jimmie Gibbs' Mimeograph machine to Percy Wilkins.
Shelton Godwin's many girl-friends to Edward Surles; for Shelton has more girls than Carter has liver pills.

Earl Hall's golden blonde hair to Billy Barefoot.

Judie Holmes' studious ways to Ida Mae McLamb.

Betty Jo Johnson's working ability to K. G. Raynor.

Cecil Johnson's popularity to P. B. Johnson, although we wouldn't want to leave you his bashfulness.

Sue Johnson's height to Vennie Rose Hardee.

Esther Keen's loud disposition to Linda Sue Johnson.

Worth Lee's boyish grin to Alfred Parker, Jr. with this warning "Grin and the world grins back at you."

Peggy Massengill's curly hair to Nina Snipes.

Doris Jean McLand's bashful ways to Faye Neighbors.

Jean McLamb's shapely figure to Joyce Ann Bailey.

Ruth McLamb's red hair to Joyce Ann Watson.

Dan Medlin's new cars to Kay Ryals, so she can go over to Gray's more often.

Daisy Belle Miller's witty ways to Verlene Norris.

Lindell Nordon's school bus to Charles Gilbert.

Geraldine Page's silent nature to next year's study hall. Her motto is "If you have nothing to say, say nothing."

Billy Ray Pleasant's ability to peroxide his hair successfully to Doane Johnson with this old proverb, "If at first you don't succeed, dye, dye, again."

Nellie Rose Pleasant's art of blowing bubble gum to Shirley Stephenson. She always has a wad of bubble gum, pulling it out of her mouth into thin strings of sweet nothings.

Eleanor Porter's love of Gray's to Ramona Lyde.

Connor Raynor's manly ways to Tommy Johnson.

Hazel Raynor's bright face to Madie Lee Manning.

Jane Royal's love of dancing to Charles Kay Stephenson.

Nowell Smith, Jr.'s brains to James Dwight Johnson. No explanation necessary.

Katie Stancil's one-man policy to Peggy Holder.

Iswaine Stephenson's Math ability to the ninth grade.

Alvie Pearl Stewart's fast talking ability to Elsie Penny.

Pauline Stewart's job at the dime store to Della Brady.

Larry Stewart's ability to play "dirty" sports to John Daley Kernodle.

Louise Stewart's ability to play basketball to Mary Stancil.

Fannie Lou Surles' dignified ways to Rachel Stewart.

Jerry Wall's postman's position for Mr. Barefoot to Billy Norris.

Mildred Warren's songbird ways to Mary Alice Ryals.

Marjorie Watkins' northern accent to Louise Stevens so she can get out at least two words a minute.

George Wilkins' ability to play basketball to Connie Phillips.

Dot Parrish wills her public speaking ability to Dixie Neighbors.

This, the sixth day of June in the year of our Lord, 1949, Benson High School, to be their last will and testament. In their presence and at their request and the presence of one another, we do hereby affix our names as witnesses thereto.

Witnesses:

MRS. OWEN WILLIS
MISS JANE HOBBS

DOROTHY PARRISH,
Testator.

PROPHECY

After we consulted fortune tellers, witch doctors, and astrologers, we have discovered what the seniors of 1949 will be ten years from now.

Mozelle Allen: the head nurse at Watts Street Hospital, Durham, is happly married.

Jean Barbour: loud as ever, has made history by being the first lady auctioneer in Durham.

Johnnie Barefoot: the leading farmer in Johnston County, with several businesses on the side.

Joan Benton: Editor of the "New York Times" is still relieved about finishing the "Tatler."

Genevieve Byrd: since her idea of modeling has vanished, she now hopes to be the wife of a mule dealer in Angier.

Jo Anne Capps: still waiting for J. C. to call.

Oras Clifton: the world famous comedian in the "Hop Hope" radio program.

Donald Capps: still drinking milk shakes, but trying as hard as ever to reduce.

Wilma Coats: still trying to find her way around in her eleven room mansion in Godwin.

Doris Creech: weighing apples in her new food market.

Jane Denning: selling magazines to help send Aubrey through State.

Jerre Denning: swimming instructor at the naval academy in Annapolis, keeping an eye on her future husband.

Phyllis Duke: married and helping Milby with his embalming.

Hazel Faye Ennis: trying to raise her children on candy from Lane's Candy Store.

Doris Flowers: President of the United Airlines; married four times.

Jimmie Gibbs: head waiter at Campbell's Night Club with a prize winning stage show.

Shelton Godwin: owner of "Godwin's Date Bureau," (has fifty beautiful girls on the payroll).

Earl Hall: happily married and living in the country with the little Halls running around.

Judie Holmes: still practicing for the concert stage, is quite an authority in constructing Electrical Engineering projects.

Betty Jo Johnson: who was always quiet, is working for the F. B. I. in Washington.

Cecil Johnson: selling autos and very industrious.

Sue Johnson: private secretary for the Governor; advises him on all matters.

Esther Keene: quiet as ever; is a successful writer for "Colliers."

Peggy Massengill: soprano with Metropolitan Opera Company.

Doris Jean McLamb: married to a prosperous business man.

Jean McLamb: Finished at Meredith and was five minutes early for every class.

Isla Ruth McLamb: with Barnum and Bailey Circus, queen of high trapeze.

Dan Medlin: president of Medlin Inc. and very much in love with his private secretary, Kay Ryals.

Daisy Belle Miller: Hollywood glamour girl who has to beat play boys off with a stick.

Lindell Nordan: still holding parking spaces at "Butlers."

Geraldine Page: farmer's wife; wins hog calling contest every year at State Fair.

Dorothy Parrish: married to a man who has a good enough sense of humor to put up with her and her oratory.

Billie Ray Pleasant: living in" P. Ridge" with dog and gun. Fox married his girl.

Nellie Rose Pleasant: owner of a cafe in Angier and married; but she gives instructions on the methods of driving buses over red hills each spring and fall.

Eleanor Porter: still in her 9th year at college, studying twelve hours a day on her thirteenth degree; and earnestly hoping Prince Charming will soon cause her to quit.

Connor Raynor: owner of biggest theater in Benson, and he isn't ticket seller or usher.

Jane Royal: married her famous London Correspondent and is now serving tea in her famous London home.

Hazel Raynor: featured star on radio program "It pays to be Ignorant."

Nowell Smith, Jr.: working in Hollywood, throwing big parties for the big shots in the movies.

Katie Stancil: is a graduate from Barbizon Modeling School and has a successful career with eye catchers fashion shop in New York City.

Alvie Pearl Stewart: living in Newton Grove under the name of Mrs. Jernigan.

Larry Stewart: millionaire owner of New York Yankees and the second Old Man Baseball.

Louise Stewart: vice-president in charge of balloons and tinker toy sets at Rose's 5 & 10 store.

Pauline Stewart: has finally succeeded in getting her home down in Newton Grove.

Iswaine Stephenson: reviver of vaudeville; sings Lindy Lou three times a day.

Fannie Lou Surles: getting smarter every day and is quiet an authority in millinery.

Jerry Wall: famous chemical engineer who discovered how to make corn liquor from sweet potatoes.

Mildred Warren: living in Florida, working as a hat check girl in a swanky night club.

George Wilkins: after taking a Charles Atlas course for 10 years has taken Johnny Weismuller's place in the movies.

Marjorie Watkins: with a new Pontiac—still hoping.

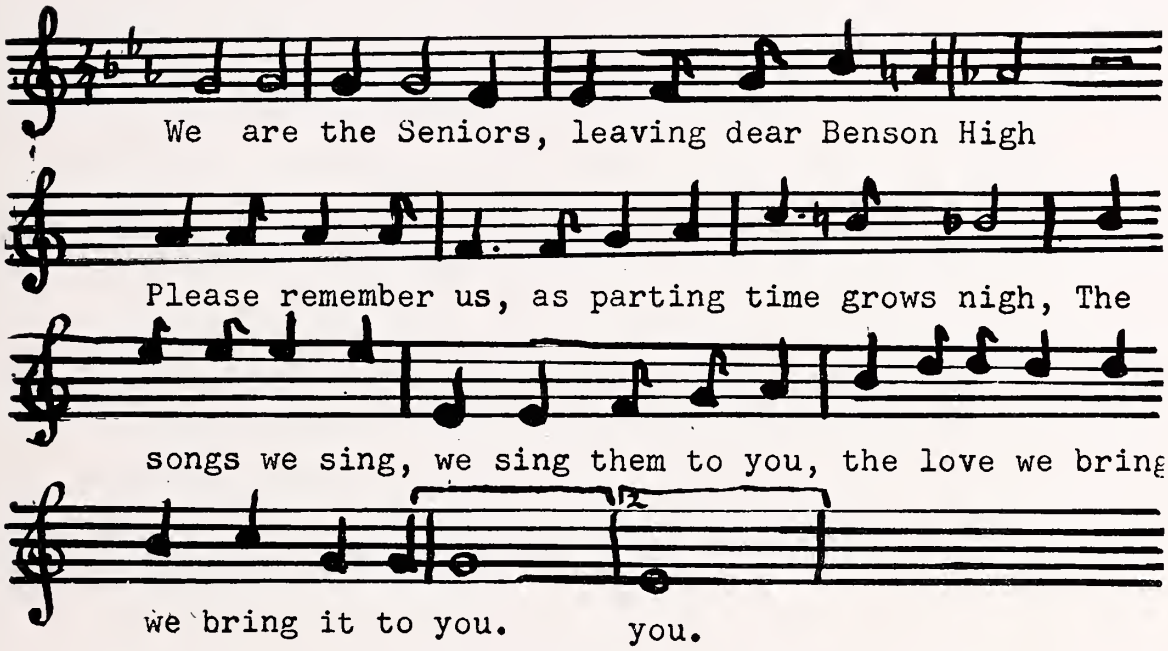
Donald Bailey: secured a job with Al Capps as his stand-in for Lil Abner.

Having crossed the palms of gypsy fortune tellers, gazed into the crystal balls and studied the stars with the astrologers, we find these are the futures for the largest class in the history of Benson High School.

ELEANOR PORTER
NELLIE ROSE PLEASANT

Prophets

CLASS SONG



2nd VERSE

Be our memories, those that we'll ne'r forget,

And may all your days, be days of no regret,

We thank all of you, for favors you've done,

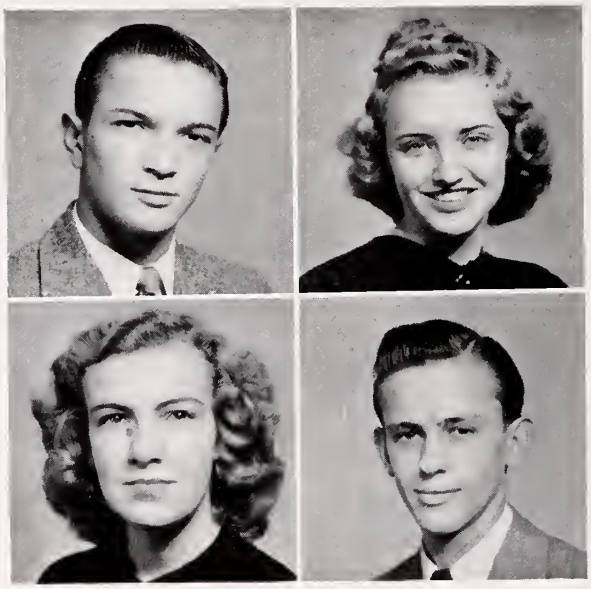
We hope all of you, our friendships have won.

ISWAINE STEPHENSON

SNAPS

UNDER CLASSMEN

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS



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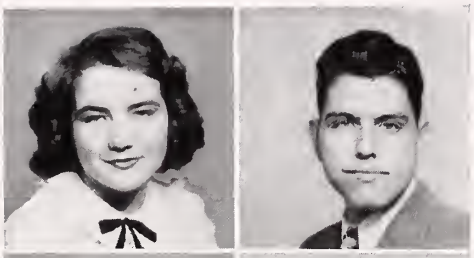
"To Be, Rather Than To Seem."

JUNIORS

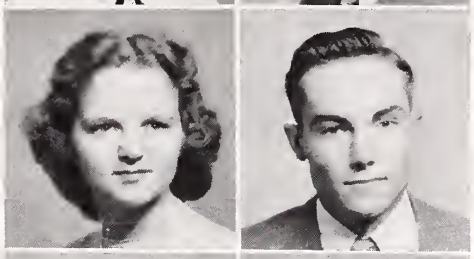
Ruby Adams

DeLeon Barbour



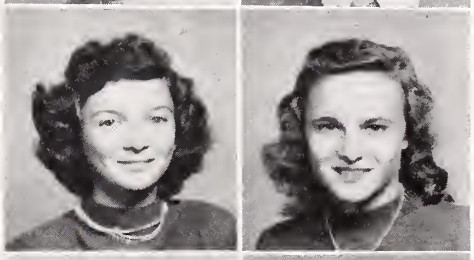
Laveta Barbour

Rudolph Barefoot



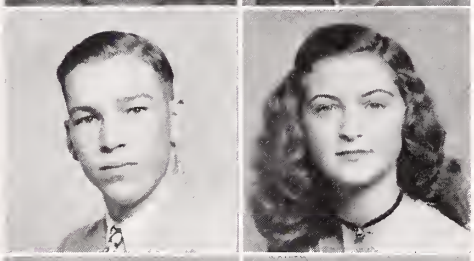
Vivian Byrd

Annie Ruth Clifton



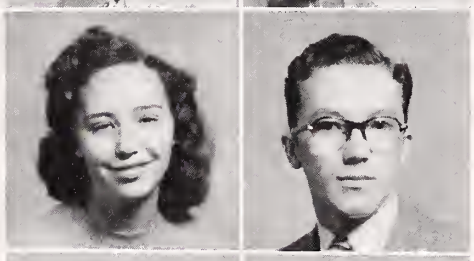
James Godwin

Ruth Godwin



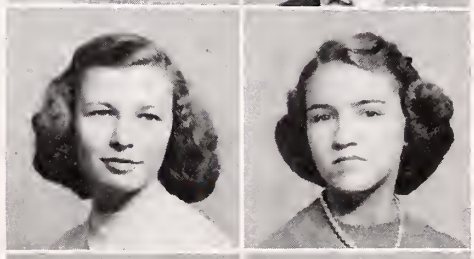
Dorothy Hodges

James Dwight Johnson



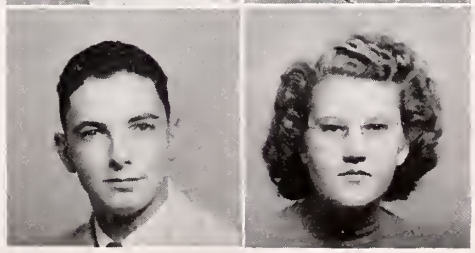
Jean Johnson

Katie Mae Johnson



P. B. Johnson

Madie Lee Manning



JUNIORS

Edna Massad

Darrell Moore

Bonny Lynn Morgan

Ida Mae McLamb

Helen Naylor

Faye Neighbors

Kenneth Neighbors

Marie Neighbors

Floralene Norris

Verline Norris

Alfred Parker

Doris Parker

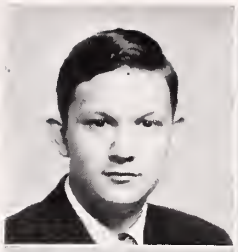
Elsie Penny

Jackie Porter

JUNIORS

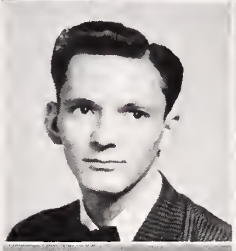
Connie Phillips

Mary Stancil



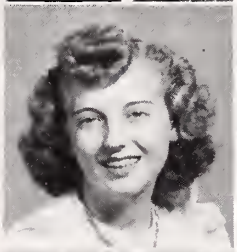
Charles Kay Stephenson

Eleanor Stewart



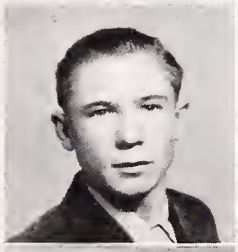
Barbara Strickland

Billy Thornton



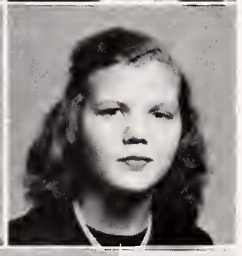
Bobby Thornton

Joyce Watson



Benton White

Mamie Wilkins



Royce Woodall

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Best wishes to you now and forever
Billy

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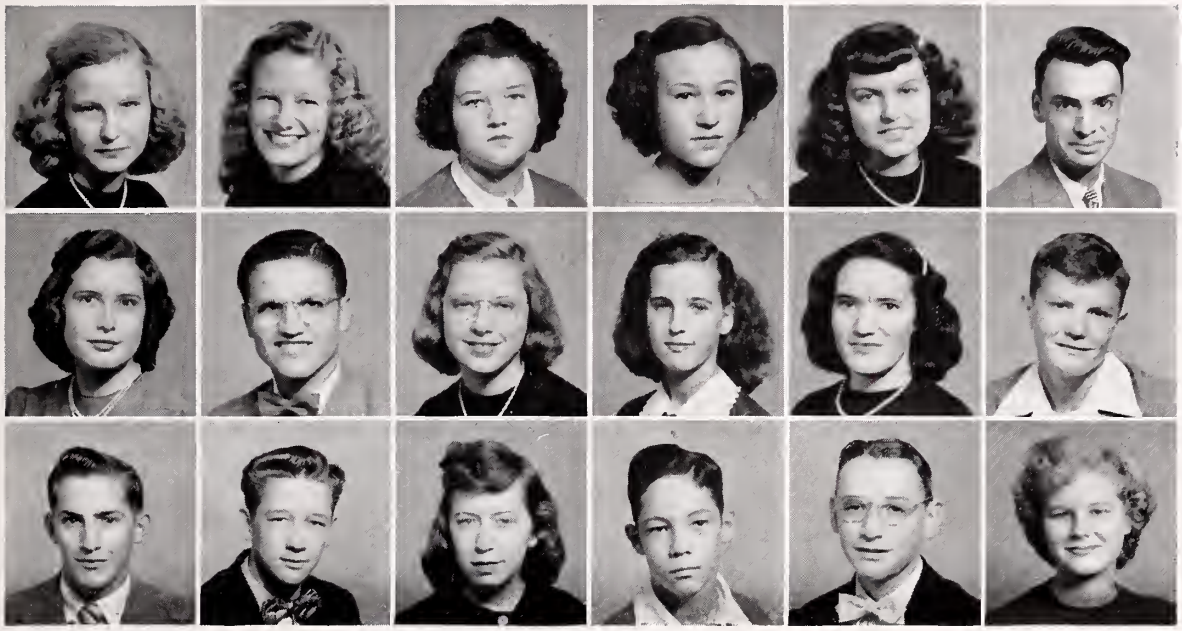

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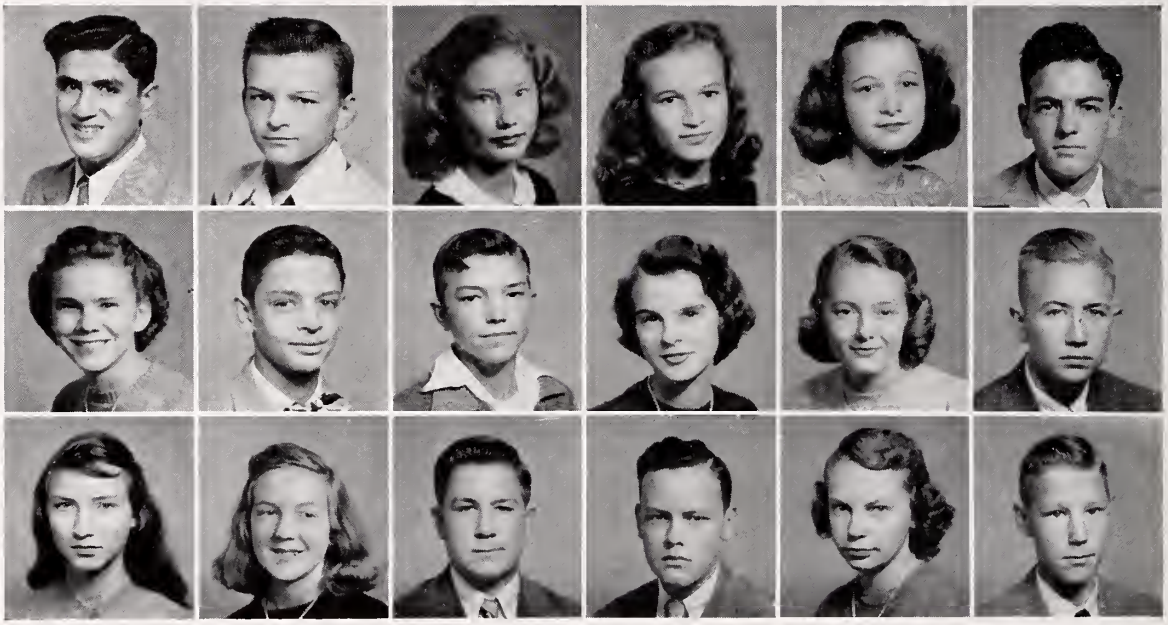
Second row: Lois Barefoot, Arnold Capps, Geraldine Clayton, Marjorie Denning, Marjorie Dorman, Rayvon Ennis.

Third row: Roy Gilbert, Walter Godwin, Katie Holland, Doane Johnson, John Dailey Kernodle, Ramona Lide.



First row, left to right: Emil Massad, Junior Matthews, Edna Mobley, Ellen Neighbors, Jackie Norris, Edward Parker.

Second row: Barbara Porter, Clyde Proctor, Shelton Raynor, Betty Jean Smith, Louise Stevens, Lyndwood Stevens.

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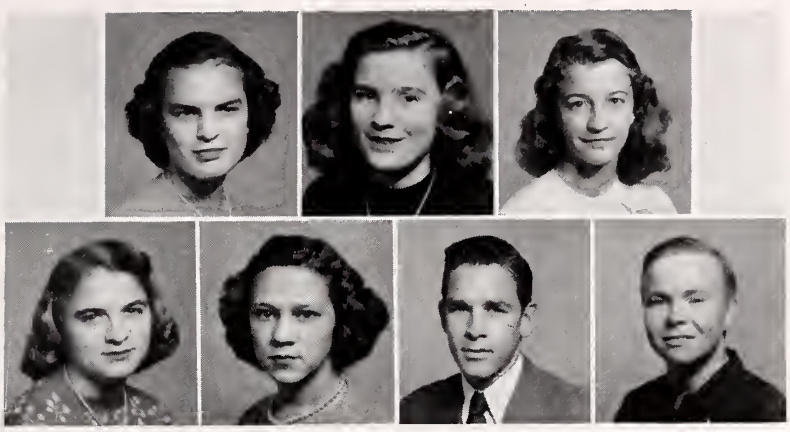

First row, left to right: Genevieve Thornton, Vera Vaughan, Elsie Wheeler.

Second row: Sara Whittington, Shirley Whittington, Dennis Woodall, Jake Young.

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First row, left to right: Linda Sue Johnson, Dixie Neighbors, Doris Faye Carroll, Jean Clifton.

Second row: Edith Clifton, Peggy Thornton, Jacquelin Blackman, June Dale McLamb, Betty Jo Woodall.

Third row: Betty Lou Bell, Jean Allen, Vera Godwin, Joyce Parrish, Werneth Stephenson, Lois Godwin, Billy Ann McLamb, Dorothy McCall.

Fourth row: Sarah Godwin, Joyce Norris, Faye Woodall, Vennie Hardee, Bobbie Ivy, Margree Stewart, Rose Marie Dixon.

Fifth row: Mrs. Fish, Janice Langdon, Peggy Coats, Nina Snipes, Della Brady, Inez Sorrell.

Not Pictured: Mary Alice Ryals, Mary Ann Benson, Lou Ellen Herring, Etta Gray Byrd, Helen Jean Parnell.

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ALSIE WHEELER
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BRYAN COATS
Vice-President

L. G. MORRIS
Secretary

LLOYD RAYNOR
Treasurer

First row, left to right: Charles Marler, T. G. McLamb, Walter Gregory, James Pleasant, Kenneth Hall, Tommy Johnson, Lloyd Raynor, Billy Gaskins.

Second row: Milton Adams, James Raynor, L. G. Morris, Bryan Coats, Morris Woodall, Leroy Young.

Third row: Alsie Wheeler, W. C. Lee, Carlton Barbour, Fleetwood Adams, Lamonde Barber, Graham Pleasant.

Fourth row: John Brady, Merwyn Barber, Mack Godwin, Waylon West.

8th Grade

EIGHTH GRADE

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CLASS COLORS: Green and White
CLASS FLOWER: Tulip
CLASS MOTTO: We should strive to do our best.

CLASS ROLL

Faye Barber
John Barbour
Clara Beasley
Sallie Lou Byrd
Linwood Cobb
Billy Creech
Joseph Denning
Patricia Gregory
Charles Jackson
Effie Johnson
Gwendolyn Johnson
Kenneth Johnson
Raymond Johnson
Jack Lyles
Dewey Mangum
Dalton Matthews
Geraldine McLamb
Leta Gold McLamb
Meta Sue McLamb
Stacy Miller
Sylvia Moore
Esther Norris
Charles Parker
James Rabon
Donnie Stephenson
Patricia Thornton
Betty West
Jimmy Wheeler
Thurman Whittington
Barbara Woodlief

ABSENT FROM PICTURE Sherrill Jones Bobby Langdon

MRS. RUTH MASSEY
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CLASS OFFICERS

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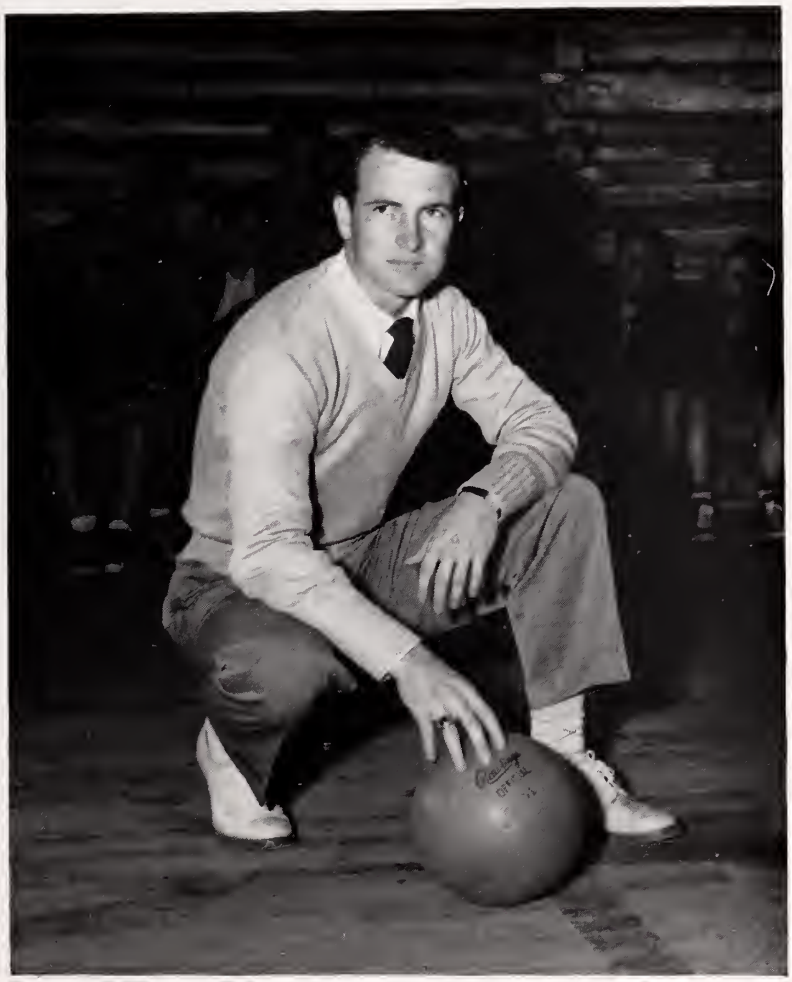
SYBIL MATTHEWS.....Treasurer

CLASS COLORS: Red and White
CLASS FLOWER: Red Rose
CLASS MOTTO: Make the best better.

CLASS ROLL

Ray Allen
J. R. Allen
David Barbour
Lois Barbour
Annie Mae Barefoot
Bobby Gene Bridges
Mary Jean Cannady
Donald Creech
Jo Anne Eason
Howard Gibbs
Elizabeth Gregory
Golda Hardee
Charles Jones
Leroy Johnson
Hixie Wray Johnson
Billy Royce Lambert
Shirley Langdon
Helen McLamb
Rayford Lee
Sybil Matthews
Lettie Pearl Neighbors
Thurlian Norris
Golden Parker
Joseph Penny
Robert Smith
Wilson Stephenson
Mary Helen Wallace
Elms Wilkins
Ruth West
Bobby Wheeler
Angeline Wood

HERE AND THERE



MR. NANCE, COACH

ACTIVITIES

BETA CLUB

In a flurry of activity the members of the Beta Club, and their adviser, Miss Jane Hobbs, have spread their good works throughout the school.

The motto of the Beta Club is Ducamus Alus Serviendo, "Let us lead by serving others." They have carried out this motto this year by already sponsoring a Red Cross Campaign, a safety program, presenting a chapel program, and by sharing Thanksgiving with the inhabitants of the County Home.

They have indeed lived up to their creed and purpose "to promote the ideals of honesty, service, and leadership among the high school students, to reward Meritorious Achievement, and to encourage and assist students to continue their education after high school graduation.

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Iswaine Stephenson
Mildred Warren
Jane Royal
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Jean McLamb
Hazel F. Ennis
Jerre Denning
Joan Benton
Hermie J. Barbour
Nellie R. Pleasant
Geraldine Page
Eleanor Porter
Annie Ruth Clifton
Ida Mae McLamb
Bonny Lynn Morgan
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Marjorie Young
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Edna Massad
Mary Stancil
Ruby Adams
Jean Johnson
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Doris Jean McLamb
Jane Royal
Eleanor Stewart
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Edna Massad
Bonny Lynn Morgan

The newly organized Tri-Hi-Y Club is composed of twenty-one members whose purpose is "to create, maintain and extend throughout the home, school and community high standards of Christian character."

Tri-Hi-Y is a religious but nondenominational organization for high school girls who, under the auspices of the young Men's Christian Association, have banded together to achieve a common purpose. They are seeking for themselves and their friends the highest standards of life and conduct.

Our first aim was to organize our club and at the same time render service to others in our community. By next year the club should be substantial enough to accomplish all the aims of Tri-Hi-Y girls.

MUSIC CLASS

MEMBERS

Brenda Lynn Stephenson
Myra Jean Greyton
Wanda Gae Adams
Judy Pleasant
Nancy Cagle
Lusinda Matthews
Judy Neighbors
Peggy Lou Matthews
Dura Faye Barbour
Harriette Elizabeth Vann
John Barefoot
Jean Dale Freeman
Kay Frances Lee
Doris Jean Adams
Annie Elizabeth Critcher
Frances Mangumn
Le Vonne Johnson
Peggy Ann Godwin
Delores Barbour
Maureen Barbour
Lois Jean Clayton
Belva Jean Johnson
Stacy Barbour
Franklin Watson
Faye Barbour
Patricia Thornton
Kenneth Johnson
Patrica Gregory
Gwendolyn Johnson
Barbara Jean Woodlief
Joyce Ann Bailey
Rachel Lee Barbour
Vera Vaughan
Geralene Clayton
Werneth Stephenson
Peggy Coats
Charles Kay Stephenson
Annie Ruth Clifton
Eleanor Stewart
James Dwight Johnson
Bonny Lynn Morgan
Doris Jean McLamb
Iswaine Stephenson
Zella Woody

GLEE CLUB

First row, left to right: Mozelle Allen, Edna Massad, Myra Benson, Judie Holmes, Eleanor Stewart, Jean Johnson, Kay Ryals, Linda Sue Johnson.

Second row: Louise Stewart, Faye Neighbors, Hermie Jean Barbour, Sue Johnson, Bonny Lynn Morgan, Dorothy Parrish, June Dale McLamb, Della Brady, Doris Creech, Mary Alice Ryals, Betty Lou Bell.

Third row: Mildred Warren, Joan Benton, Alvie Pearl Stewart, Pauline Stewart, Ramona Lyde, Rachel Barbour, Werneth Rose Stephenson, Jane Royal, Eleanor Porter, Jean McLamb, Jerre Denning, Phyllis Duke.

Fourth row: Miss Jane Hobbs, pianist, Donald Capps, George Wilkins, James Dwight Johnson, Iswaine Stephenson, Jerry Wall, Charles Kay Stephenson, Alfred Parker, Mrs. Lobban, director.

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

First row, left to right: Mr. Nance, Coach, Charles Kay Stephenson, P. B. Johnson, Second row: Doane Johnson, John Dailey Kernodle, Jimmy Gibbs, Larry Stewart, Billy Barefoot, George Wilkins, Darrel Moore. Third row: L. G. Morris, Fleetwood Adams, Royce Woodall, Percy Wilkins. Not Pictured: DeLeon Barbour, Arnold Capps, Charles Gilbert.

Cheerleaders

Percy Wilkins

Kay Ryals

Jean Johnson

Linda Sue Johnson

INTRAMURAL BALL

Intramural basketball was introduced in our high school this year for the first time. The purpose was to buy blue and gold jackets for the girls' basketball team.

Each high school class participated and true to form the Seniors won another honor—the first class ever to win a trophy for Intramural ball in Benson High. Their record was: Boys, 5-1; Girls, 6-0.

Later an all-Intramural team was chosen from the players of each class. These included:

Betty Lou Bell, freshman
Rose Marie Dixon, freshman
Lois Barefoot, sophomore
Phyllis Duke, senior
Louise Stewart, senior
Alvie Stewart, senior
Doane Johnson, sophomore
Billy Barefoot, sophomore
P. B. Johnson, junior
Charles Stephenson, junior
Larry Stewart, senior

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Left to right: Mr. Nance, Coach, Mary Alice Ryals, Ellen Neighbors, Lois Barefoot, Nina Snipes, Rose Marie Dixon, Della Brady, Bonny Morgan, Billie Ann McLamb, Betty Lou Bell.

Not Pictured: Myra Benson, Joyce Ann Bailey, Marie Neighbors, Faye Neighbors, Phyllis Duke.

BOYS' BASEBALL

First row, left to right: Charles Kay Stephenson, Larry Stewart, Doane Johnson, John Dailey Kernodle, Darrel Moore, Rosmond Woodall, Mr. Nance, Coach.

Second row: DeLeon Barbour, E. H. Creech, Dan Medlin, Alfred Parker, Jr., Connor Raynor, Royce Woodall, Jimmy Gibbs, Arnold Capps, P. B. Johnson.

Not Pictured: Charles Gilbert.

Mary Alice Ryals Robert Smith

SENIOR

Mr.

and

Miss

Benson High

JUNIOR

Mr.

and

Miss

Benson High

Brenda Johnson A. T. Johnson

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Best All Around
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DONALD CAPPS

Best Dressed
NELLIE ROSE PLEASANT
BILLY PLEASANT

Best Looking
MILDRED WARREN
NOWELL SMITH

Biggest Flirt
HERMIE JEAN BARBOUR
ISWAINE STEPHENSON

Most Courteous
DORIS McLAMB
EARL HALL

SUPERLATIVES

Wittiest
GERALDINE PAGE
JIMMY GIBBS

Best Personality
JERRE DENNING
WORTH LEE

Cutest
DAISY MILLER
DAN MEDLIN

Most Likely to Succeed
JANE ROYAL
JERRY WALL

Best Sport
PHYLLIS DUKE
SHELTON GODWIN

Most Athletic
LOUISE STEWART
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Leaving School . . . Mascots—Brenda and Steve. . . . Mrs. C. L. Lobban, Jr

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Benson without the Bakery.
The Senior Class being undignified.
Jean McLamb getting to school on time.
Dan Medlin not cutting classes.
Mildred without a car.
One day in school without chewing gum.
Not hearing Eleanor's "what" after something has been said.
Katie Stancil without Roy.
Esther and Betty Jo coming to class without their homework.
Sociology class being quiet.
Peggy without Erwin.
Jane being boisterous
Benson beating Smithfield.
Billy Ray without a permanent.
Mr. Barefoot not cracking a joke.
The Princess ticket office without Joan in it.
Jerre Denning sleeping on class.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF . . . .

Hazel Ennis didn't make the honor roll?
Mrs. Willis forgot to assign a French lesson?
Jean Barbour and Jane Denning stopped giggling?
The ball games were well attended?
After a chapel program some one didn't say, "Mr. Barefoot, are there any announcements?"
Nowell, Jr. didn't have Hazel?
Geraldine lost Ercelle's address?
Oras Clifton paid attention in class?
Phyllis stayed home one night?
Mr. Nance had to walk everywhere?
Nellie Rose didn't have pretty clothes?